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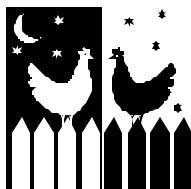
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Demand overall was no better than moderate, occasionally fairly good into fast food. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were close balanced to adequate, and dark meat was irregular, mostly balanced. Wings were at least sufficient, but not as plentiful as before. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.50 cents last year on the 16th of February, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	144.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00
LEG QUARTERS	23.00
WINGS	87.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 02/10/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	181,267	178,059
CHICKS PLACED	143,234	145,585
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		+02
		-02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 181 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 10, 2001. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 10, 2001. Placements down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 10, 2001 were 861 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.36 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was steady. Offerings ample for current needs. Buyers interest was cautious and fair at best. Retail demand was light to moderate, best where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was generally steady on parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was slow to fair with limited trading, best for ads and fast food features. Supplies were in balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Breast items were sufficient to well cleared, wings were more balanced, and dark meat was adequate to close balanced for legs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights covering the full range.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Whole bird and Wog offerings were adequate with regular commitments satisfying buyer needs. Movement into all channels was slow to fair at best overall; In Michigan and Chicago areas, an occasional fairly good was noted into food service accounts. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with sizes desirable. Activity in the parts complex was generally slow with select sized breast items and thigh meat receiving best call. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. The market tone was generally steady with a barely steady undertone on wings and boneless/skinless breasts.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair during midweek trading. Offerings were at least adequate for current call, however, the 3 pound sizes imparticular were often noted in the best balanced position. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to moderate at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts continued well cleared to closely balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts remained available. Wings were generally sufficient and dark meat parts more than adequate.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was usually noted as fair and typical of mid-week activity. Offerings of 3 pound sizes were good balance, other sizes were adequate. Live supplies were moderate to light; weights continued in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were available. Bone-in breast and wings were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED

U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	45-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.42
NO. OF BOXES	9,084
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	857	120.00-205.00	140-145	143.85
TENDERLOINS	182	130.00-210.00	135-140	145.49
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	75.00-79.00	-	76.28
FRONT HALVES	110	69.00-72.00	-	70.41
LEGS	126	27.00-40.00	27-29	28.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	469	16.50-20.00	17-19	17.57
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,575	18.50-24.00	22-23	21.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	84.00-88.00	85-87	86.76
WINGS (CUT)	603	95.00-116.00	97-99	101.90
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	66	32.00-40.00	-	33.36
B/S THIGHS	34	89.00-95.00	-	94.44

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	860	120.00-205.00	140-145	144.39
TENDERLOINS	164	135.00-210.00	140	147.93
BREAST - LINE RUN	125	75.00-79.00	-	76.28
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	46	28.00-40.00	28-30	29.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	309	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,420	18.50-24.00	21-23	22.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	305	82.00-88.00	85-87	86.50
WINGS (CUT)	638	87.00-116.00	97-99	99.87
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	73	84.00-95.00	-	87.78

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
42.75 - 46.00	43.99	43.25-47.00	44.28	43.53

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Midweek trucklot buying activity remained light to no better than fair as dealers continued to limit purchases to regularly committed product. Offerings of bone-in breasts were closely cleared to no more than adequate, however, boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate. Wings were at least sufficient, although, better balanced today. Dark meat parts were more than adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited, but was usually best where attractive features were a factor. The market tone was fully steady on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on boneless-skinless breasts, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	134.49	689,100
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.03	121,118
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	75.74	237,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	71.21	215,800
LEGS	32-33	34.87	230,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.83	578,601
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	34.66	143,490
THIGHS	29-30	29.60	208,950
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.69	39,140
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	87.35	316,050
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	44,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.49	31,640
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.88	54,600

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	133.88	466,720
TENDERLOINS	130-135	135.29	52,910
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	76.84	205,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	72.02	192,680
LEGS	32-33	35.72	164,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	19.85	567,480
DRUMSTICKS	27-28	32.95	142,230
THIGHS	29-30	32.64	115,940
B/S THIGHS	85-86	88.40	38,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	81-82	89.49	246,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	58,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.15	31,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.51	49,520

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL WTS
	02/14	02/13	02/12	02/09
ALA	3,449	3,915	3,821	3,904
ARK	5,278	5,125	4,645	4,557
DELMARVA	2,082	2,190	2,244	2,202
KY-LA-TN	1,896	1,806	1,948	1,935
MISS	2,786	2,767	2,636	2,704
NC	2,610	2,463	2,418	2,831
TEXAS	2,280	2,279	2,256	1,836
TOTAL	20,381	20,545	19,968	19,969
MON-WED 61,499 (A)				61,426 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Feb 01 and is estimated to be 30,492,000 down 2.18 percent from a week ago and up 1.8 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 29,943,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-85
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-98
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-111
	DRY PACK	116
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-172

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING FEB-17-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/17/01 (1)	02/10/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	154,710 (2)	153,308
LT HENS	1,687	1,881
HVY HENS	1,534	1,442
CHECK TOTAL	157,931	156,631

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Feb-01 is 148.8 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.0 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Feb-01 the estimated available is 151.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 12-Feb-01	93,455		68,511	
AM 1-Feb-01	92,899		73,442	
CHG	556		-4,931	
PCT CHG	1		-7	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	02/12/01	02/05/01	02/14/00	02/12/01	02/05/01	02/14/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,745	4,744	9,404	6,062	5,964	10,312
LOS ANGELES						
	120	124	77	2,268	2,208	3,410

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 02/14/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.40	1.20	.91	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.70	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	.50	.80	.65	BANTAMS ea.	2.00	6.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	.70	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	1.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.65	1.35	.91	ROOSTERS ea.	1.00	3.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	.30	-	GEESE ea.	1.50	2.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.55	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	5.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.00	.82	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.60	1.00	.87	RABBITS ea.	1.00	1.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	6.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 123

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2001

HENS		RANGE
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)		58-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)		59-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending February 09, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	55.84	120.99	65.15	18.61	4.65	46.54
High	59.57	139.61	79.11	27.92	6.98	46.54
Mostly	59.57	120.99	69.80	18.61	6.98	46.54
SAN JUAN						
Low	55.84	130.30	79.11	23.27	4.65	41.88
High	60.50	148.91	93.07	34.90	8.38	45.60
Mostly	58.17	134.95	83.76	27.92	5.58	45.60
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	56.77	120.99	65.15	13.96	4.65	48.86
High	59.57	130.30	74.46	23.27	9.31	48.86
Mostly	59.57	120.99	69.80	18.61	6.98	48.86
BECERRA						
Low	55.84	130.30	79.11	23.27	5.58	41.88
High	61.43	148.91	102.38	39.56	9.31	45.60
Mostly	58.17	144.26	88.42	32.57	6.98	45.60

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